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**WISDOM that Matters!!!**

James 3:13-18

**Key truth:** Seek Godly Wisdom so that you may live in righteousness. Wisdom is not as much as what you know but it is how you respond to what you know.

I. The NATURE of wisdom:

 A. Good conduct.

 B. Meekness of wisdom.

II. The ORIGIN of wisdom:

 A. Wisdom comes from God.

 B. You cannot produce true wisdom.

III. The EXPRESSION of wisdom:

 A. Godly

 B. Spiritual

 C. Freely Given

 D. Promotes righteousness

IV. The REQUIREMENTS of wisdom:

 A. Active prayer life. James 1:5

 B. Conscious dependence on God in humility.

 James 3:13

 C. Live in active reliance on God.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Wisdom from God is an action word. It is displayed by your telling a dying world that HE lives. Show your wisdom…invite someone to church.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Why is wisdom an important attribute for a Christian? What should we do if we feel that we aren’t very wise?

Is intelligence the same thing as wisdom? If not, what is the difference?

Read 1 Samuel 25:1-43. After reading the chapter, answer the questions below.

What do you think is most impressive about Abigail's attitude or actions associated with this conflict between David and her husband Nabal?

If Abigail had not responded with such a wise attitude, how do you think David's response to Abigail, after Nabal's death, would have differed?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. Why is the cross of Christ the apex of wisdom? When people seek you out for wisdom, how could you point them back to the cross?

What do these Scriptures say about wisdom?

Proverbs 1:20-33

Proverbs 3:13-18

Proverbs 4:1-9